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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

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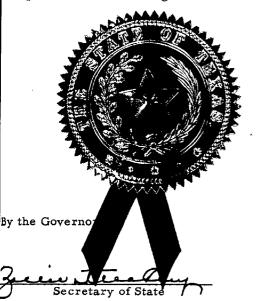
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill Number 40 of the Second Called Session, Fifty-sixth Legislature, relating to authority of the State Board of Water Engineers to grant limited term permits.

This bill is identical to House Bill 27, Regular Session of the Fiftysixth Legislature, except that it apparently could apply to only one county. Since
I vetoed H. B. 27 on June 1, 1959, I must veto H. B. 40 for the same reasons.

In fact, the bracket feature contained in H. B. 40 makes it even more objectionable
than H. B. 27. It constitutes bad precedent and poor policy to devise water
legislation applicable only to particular counties or areas. The streams of Texas
and the rainfall supplying them do not respect county boundaries, and no plausible
reason exists for treating a county in one population - valuation bracket any
differently than other counties in the State. The water appropriation statutes of
Texas are already in a state of confusion and to initiate a series of "local" bills
on the subject would contribute to the chaos.

House Bill Number 40 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Second Called Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution, the bill, together with this proclamation, is being filed with the Secretary of State.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 5th day of August, A.D., 1959.

Governor of Texas

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